

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION**

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please replace paragraph number [0001] of the specification as filed with the following rewritten paragraph:

[0001] This application is a continuation of U.S. Application No. 09/945,388, filed August 30, 2001, abandoned, which claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/229,003, filed August 30, 2000, and which is a continuation-in part of U.S. Application No. 09/571,452, filed May 16, 2000, abandoned, which is a divisional of U.S. Application No. 09/146,614, filed September 3, 1998, now U.S. Patent No. 6,063,339, which claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/070,988, filed January 9, 1998, the entire disclosure of each one of which is hereby incorporated by reference herein.

Please replace paragraph number [0174] of the specification as filed with the following rewritten paragraph:

[0174] Depending on the particular application, the user first generates a spreadsheet template or a spreadsheet of values to be used by the software ~~520~~ 510 (FIG. 11). This step is labeled 522 in FIG. 11. The spreadsheet may be generated by a number of commercially available software packages, such as Microsoft Excel and the like, or other customized software.